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For : DEVICE FOR AXIALLY RETAINING A CYLINDRICAL
ELEMENT AND MORE PARTICULARLY A CABLE

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant hereby directs the Examiner's attention to the following documents which are cited in a Search Report and/or an International Preliminary Examination Report issued in connection with International Application No. PCT/FR01/02248.

- (1) U.S. Patent No. 4,145,075 issued on March 20, 1979;
- (2) DE 197 38 517, published on November 19, 1998;
- (3) U.S. Patent No. 5,048,872 issued on September 17, 1991;
- (4) US Patent No. 5,763,833 issued on June 9, 1998;

Also enclosed is a copy of the Annex to the International Search Report which lists

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family members of the documents listed in the Search Report, as well as a copy of the International Preliminary Examination Report which discusses the above-listed U.S. Patents.

(5) U.S. patent no. 5,321,205 issued on June 14, 1994 is listed in the Annex as a family member of U.S. patent no. 5,763,833.

Additionally, the following documents are discussed in the instant specification:

(6) FR 235 8766 is discussed beginning on page 2, line 4 of the instant specification. Please note that this document is listed in the Annex as a family member of U.S. patent no. 4,145,075;

(7) EP 03 81 980 is discussed beginning on page 2, line 4 through line 5 of the instant specification. Please note that this document is listed in the search report as a family member of U.S. patent no. 5,048,872.

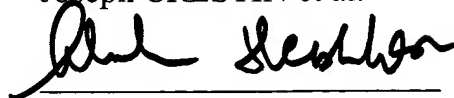
Copies of the above-noted documents are enclosed together with copies of the International Search Report, the Annex to the International Search Report, and a duly completed Form PTO-1449. The Examiner is accordingly requested to consider each of these documents, and to make them of record in this application by initialing in the appropriate spaces on the Form PTO-1449. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner include a copy of the initialed Form PTO-1449 with the next communication from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97(b)(1), this Information Disclosure Statement is filed within three months of the filing date of the application. Accordingly, no fees are required.

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Should the Examiner have any questions or comments regarding this matter, the undersigned may be contacted at the below-listed telephone number.

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